



*At the Court at Whitehall, the
Fifteenth of May, 1672.*

Present,

The Kings most Excellent Majesty.

Lord Archbishop of Canterbury	Earl of Arlingdon
Lord Keeper	Earl of Shaftsbury
Duke of Lauderdale	Lord Newport
Marquiss of Worcester	Lord Holmes
Earl of Bridgewater	Lord Clifford
Earl of Essex	Mr. Vice-Chamberlain
Earl of Anglesey	Mr. Secretary Trevor
Earl of Bath	Sir John Duncumbe
Earl of Carlisle	Mr. Chancellor of the Dutchy
Earl of Craven	Sir Thomas Osborne



Hereas His Majesty
did the Seventeenth
of *March* past, upon
the reading in Coun-
cil His Declaration
of War against the
States General of the
United Provinces of the Low Coun-
treys, Command His Grace the Duke
of *Lauderdale*, and the Right Honou-
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rable the Earl of *Arlington*, Principal Secretary of State, to Confer that Evening with the Ambassador and Minister of the said States, to Propose the Observance of the Two and thirtieth Article of the Treaty of *Breda*, on His Majesties part, for the withdrawing the Persons and Goods of all *Dutch* Subjects which were either found here, or at that time were voluntarily coming into His Majesties Ports; Provided His Majesties Subjects might have the same Benefit of the said Article; Which overture hath been often Renewed by the Earl of *Arlington* to the said Ambassador. And it appearing now at length, by a Paper from him of the $\frac{14}{24}$. instant (this day read at the Board) That the States have consented to the said Proposition, and will set at Liberty all His Majesties Subjects, with their Ships and Goods, and that they may return without any Prohibition, when they shall see fit.

His Majesty hath thought fit to Command and Order the Right Honourable His Principal Commissioners of Prizes, forthwith to cause all the
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Ships, Goods, and Merchandizes that were Seised in any of His Majesties Ports, before the Declaration of the War, or which were voluntarily coming in to the same, to be forthwith set at Liberty and Discharged (they having remained still untouched, in expectation of what the said States would do in this point.) In like manner all persons belonging to the said Ships, who are under Detention by reason of the War, are to be forthwith set at Liberty, with Power to return with their Ships and Merchandize, when they shall see fit, according to the Tenor of the said Article; And notice hereof to be given to the *Dutch* Ambassador, that it may be as ingeniously performed on his Masters part as it is now promised. And His Majesties Commissioners for the care of Prisoners, are required to take notice hereof, and to give Obedience accordingly.

And whereas by another Paper of the ¹¹/₂₃ instant (this day also read at the Board) from the *Sieur Boreel*, by Order of the said *States General of the United Provinces*, Proposing to enter into some terms of Agreement touching

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touching the Exchange of Prisoners of War on either side, His Majesty hath thought fit to Refer the Consideration of this matter to the Principal Commissioners of Prizes, that they may Consider thereof, and Propose to His Majesty such Expedients as they shall think fit.

Likewise all Dutch Merchants or others, who neither in their Persons or Goods are under this Detention, may freely depart the Kingdom, if they think fit, without any incumbrance or molestation.

Edw. Walker.

It was Ordered by His Majesty in Council, That this be forthwith Printed and Published.

Edw. Walker.

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